

IN THE CLAIMS

1-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) Apparatus for a gas turbine engine, said apparatus comprising a washing system comprising a pump in flow communication with ~~at least one nozzle~~, a plurality of spray nozzles coupled to a ring manifold, ~~said plurality of spray nozzles are circumferentially spaced about the gas turbine engine and are oriented to discharge at least one of a first fluid and a second fluid radially inward into the gas turbine engine from the ring manifold, the first fluid contained within a first reservoir, [[a]] the second fluid contained within one of the first reservoir and a second reservoir~~, said washing system configured to inject ~~said the first fluid and a~~ ~~said the~~ second fluid into the gas turbine engine, wherein one of ~~said the~~ first and second fluids comprises an anti-static liquid ~~that~~ facilitates reducing a rate of formation of particulate matter within the gas turbine engine.

7. (currently amended) Apparatus in accordance with Claim 6 wherein one of ~~said the~~ first and second fluids comprises a water-based cleaning solution.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) Apparatus in accordance with Claim 6 wherein ~~said the~~ first fluid comprises an anti-static liquid, and said washing system is further configured to inject ~~said the~~ second fluid before ~~said the~~ first fluid has been injected into the engine.

10. (currently amended) Apparatus in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said washing system further configured to inject ~~said the~~ first fluid into the gas turbine engine after ~~said the~~ second fluid has been injected into the engine and the engine has been operated.

11. (currently amended) Apparatus in accordance with Claim 6 wherein the gas turbine engine includes a compressor, ~~said the~~ first fluid comprises an anti-static liquid, and said washing system is further configured to coat the compressor with ~~said the~~ first fluid.

12. (currently amended) A gas turbine engine washing system configured to reduce particulate matter within the gas turbine engine, the gas turbine engine including a compressor, said washing system comprising: a plurality of spray nozzles coupled to a ring

manifold, said plurality of spray nozzles are circumferentially spaced about the gas turbine engine and are oriented to discharge at least one of a first fluid and a second fluid radially inward into the gas turbine engine from the ring manifold, the first liquid contained within a first reservoir, [[a]] the second fluid contained within one of the first reservoir and a second reservoir, a nozzle the plurality of nozzles coupled in flow communication with at least one of said first and second reservoirs and for injecting said the first and second fluids into [[said]] the gas turbine engine upstream from said compressor, wherein one of said the first and second fluids is an anti-static liquid that facilitates reducing electrostatic attraction within the gas turbine engine.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) An engine washing system in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said the first fluid comprises an anti-static liquid configured to coat at least a portion of the engine to reduce electrostatic attraction within the gas turbine engine.

15. (currently amended) An engine washing system in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said the first fluid comprises an anti-static liquid that is injected into the engine after particulate matter has been removed from the engine.

16. (currently amended) An engine washing system in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said the first fluid comprises an anti-static liquid that is injected into the engine after the engine has been operated.

17. (canceled)